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**APPLICANT'S AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**AND**

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2008, for the above identified patent application, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider and enter the following amendment and remarks. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a petition for three (3) months' extension of time for response.

A listing of the claims starts at page 2 of this reply. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Remarks start at page 7 of this reply.

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